GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF ADEQUATE QUANTITY OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether timely supply of adequate quantity of foodgrains is not being made to the State of Gujarat for distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to ensure timely supply of foodgrains to the State;

(c) the process being adopted for quality check of foodgrains being distributed under PDS; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of said process?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir. FCI is regularly releasing foodgrains to the State Government of Gujarat on the basis of the monthly allocations. Adequate induction of foodgrains to the State of Gujarat is also ensured to meet the PDS requirements.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Before the stocks are released for the distribution under PDS, joint inspection of the stocks offered to State Government by FCI are carried out by the representative of State Government and FCI. As a token of satisfaction of quality of stocks, 3 (three) samples are jointly drawn, out of which 2 (two) samples are retained by the FCI for future reference and the 3rd sample one is handed over to the State Government representative for display in the Fair Price Shop.

(d): Instructions have been issued to State Governments/UT Administrations to depute officers not below the rank of Inspector for inspection of stocks in FCI godowns before issue. The officers of the State Governments` and the Ministry also conduct surprise inspection of the Fair Price Shops, to check the quality of foodgrains being distributed through PDS.